

UPDATE:

NEWARK SCHOOLS

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NEW HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENCY TEST (NSPT) OFFICE



An NSPT Office will open in September at the Board of Education's 2 Cedar Street headquarters. The newly formed Division of NSPT Development will serve as a resource office for elementary and high school teachers, administrators, and parents.

Mary Bennett, director of the Division, said she and her staff of trainers, curriculum specialists, and resource teachers will help teachers with testreduction and areas of the curriculum that impact on the NSPT. NSPT trainers and resource teachers will begin visiting schools after September. For additional information, contact Mary Bennett at 733-7180.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Newark's sesquicentennial--the city's 150th anniversary celebration--promises to be one of the city's largest celebrations ever. The festivities will take place September 19th, 10:00 - 7:00 p.m., in Military Park and PSE&S Plaza. Newark high school bands will perform during the all-day gala which will include activities for children and adults. Gospel singer Chaggy Houston, jazz/funk musician Chico Mendez, reggaean Herman Price, a "petting zoo", a food bazaar, jugglers, and face painting are some of the featured attractions and entertainers.

CLASSES FOR TWICE RETAINED STUDENTS

Small group and individualized instruction will be offered to twice retained students in grades 1 - 8. The program, funded under the Chapter 1 program, will provide for 1,200 students who have been identified as candidates for retention. All basic skills teachers in the program will utilize the Madelon Hunter Teaching Method.

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Approximately 25 - 30 evening classes will be open to adults and located throughout the city beginning in September. Schools, churches, senior citizens centers, hospitals, and drug rehabilitation centers, will host the classes which will begin on September 15. Day classes are also available and will begin on September 3. For additional information call the Division of Adult Education at 733-7315.

BREDFORD: A NEW STUDY

The Newark Board of Education's Division of Research, Evaluation, and Testing in cooperation with ASPERA of America, will conduct a research project designed to pinpoint why students dropout of school and which students are considered "at risk". Researchers will begin gathering information in the Fall. The data will help educators develop programs specifically for these students.

WHIZ KIDS

Are you seeking information on classes for academically gifted students? If so you may call Dr. Phillip Leong, director of the Gifted and Talented Program, at 733-7373. Dr. Leong and his staff will be happy to talk to you about classroom placement, procedures for enrollment into the program, and grade levels. Students are tested one year in advance of their starting date. Applications for the 1987-1988 school year will be available in the schools in September.



CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Newark school students who are also parents will be able to take advantage of the school system's child care center which will open in the fall. All children between the ages of six months and two and a half years old are eligible for the program which will operate at McKinley School located at 1 Colonnade Place. Along with babysitting services, the program will include a curriculum for toddlers that will focus on strengthening fine and gross motor skills, the five senses, language and social skills development, and general awareness of the world around them. Students who enroll their children in the program must sign a contract to finish high school and agree to attend weekly workshops after school. Topics for the workshops will include parenting skills, child development, vocational exploration, and mother/child interaction.



TRYOUTS FOR JOBS

Project Tryout offers jobs for students ages 18 - 21 who are enrolled in a continuing education program in an Adult Education School or attend one of the 13 public high schools. Students are eligible for the program if they reside in Newark, attend a public high school, and meet the financial requirements. For additional information on Project Tryout call the Practical Arts Office at 733-8304.

NEWARK STUDENT WINS NATIONAL CONTEST

Alvin Orsma, a senior at Arts High School, is the national winner of the 1987-88 National Career Guidance Week Poster Contest. The theme for the contest was "Career Preparation for Survival in the Information Age". Copies of Alvin's poster will be sent to school districts across the country. The contest was sponsored by the National Vocational Guidance Association.



AN "A" FOR PROGRESS

Students at West Side High School who participated in the 1986 - 88 Partnership for Progress Program between their school and Ramapo College, gave the program high marks. A stay on the Ramapo College Campus, workshops, and career awareness activities were some of the highlights of the program. According to a recent article in the Career World Magazine, the students are enthusiastic about the experience and look forward to the fall schedule of activities.